

## **The DTSC Green Station Recognition Program Overview**



As an automotive repair facility professional in California, one assumes many responsibilities. Some examples are: the responsibility to properly repair a consumer's vehicle the first time; the responsibility to properly perform Smog Check Inspections and repairs to help clean the air; and the responsibility to restore a consumer's vehicle to its pre-accident condition.

Repair facilities have another important responsibility: the proper handling and disposal of the toxic substances generated during the course of their business. In an effort to promote and recognize this practice, BAR has cultivated a partnership with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the agency that regulates the reduction and recycling of hazardous materials. This new partnership has given us the opportunity to promote DTSC's voluntary program by which auto repair facilities may become recognized as a Green Station.

The DTSC Green Station Recognition Program offers you an opportunity to conduct an initial shop assessment and educate your employees with an online workbook and reference materials linked to the DTSC web site. By reviewing the case studies compiled by DTSC you will also be able to see the financial benefits of adopting these practices. The process to apply for recognition is easy and you can download everything you need from the links on our web site: [http://www.smogcheck.ca.gov/80\\_BARResources/GreenProgram/greenprogram.html](http://www.smogcheck.ca.gov/80_BARResources/GreenProgram/greenprogram.html)

### **What are the benefits of participating in this program?**

- Cost-saving strategies for your shop
- Reduction of exposure to hazardous chemicals for your employees
- A valuable marketing tool to use for your environmentally-conscious customers
- Recognition for your participation via a DTSC-issued certificate, acknowledgement in an upcoming *BAR Auto Repair and Smog Check News*, and identification on BAR's webpage.

### **How do I apply for approval to be recognized?**

Locate each of these online documents by clicking on the title of the document, download each one, fill them out, and follow these instructions:

1. Complete the recognition application
2. Fill-out the shop checklist by clicking on the DTSC Model Shop Pollution Prevention Checklist and total your score. Make a copy to enclose with your application.
3. Fill-out your Summarize Your Environmental Benefits form. Make a copy to enclose with your application.
4. Provide copy of your most recent hazardous materials inspection report and air district inspection report
5. Submit your information to DTSC.

BAR will be notified of your facility's acceptance into the program. Once your application is approved and your acceptance verified, you will receive your recognition certificate from DTSC, and be acknowledged on BAR's web site and newsletter.